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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PINS, GC, GE
SUBJECT: GDR EMBASSY ASYLUM SEEKER/DEFECTOR EISMANN

REF: STATE 395841

1. EMBASSY HAS RAISED WITH FRG BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL CONCERNING GDR THIRD SECRETARY LUTZ EISMANN. VON BERG'S REACTION WAS THAT THE FRG SEEKS TO KEEP SUCH CASES VERY QUIET, AND THEREFORE WOULD REQUEST THE US TO SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRESS; FRG WOULD NOT PLAN TO SAY ANYTHING ITSELF PUBLICLY. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF FRG VIEWS EXPRESSED.

2. SPECIFICALLY, FRG REQUESTS THAT WE REFRAIN FROM DESCRIBING EISMANN AS A "DEFECTOR" -- THIS IS, IN FRG VIEW, A JUDGMENT TO BE MADE BY INDIVIDUAL OR THE

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GOVERNMENT FROM WHICH HE HAS DISAFFILIATED HIMSELF. FRG REQUESTS THAT WE ALSO NOT MAKE STATEMENT IMPLYING THAT EISMANN IS AN APPLICANT FOR ASYLUM IN THE US OR FRG; IN FRG VIEW, HIS REQUEST TO GO TO THE FRG IS NOT CONSIDERED AN ASYLUM REQUEST, BUT A REQUEST TO ASSUME THE GERMAN CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT TO WHICH HE IS ENTITLED.

3. FRG HAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR CONFIRMING THAT THE GDR EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THIS MATTER (SECOND QUESTION REFTEL).

4. FRG DOES NOT OBJECT TO OUR INFORMING GDR THAT EISMANN HAS DEPARTED FOR THE FRG AS SOON AS HE LEAVES. IN FACT, SINCE IN FRG VIEW FRG ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS PROTECTION AND WELFARE AS SOON AS HE APPLIES FOR AN FRG PASSPORT, FRG WOULD NOT OBJECT TO OUR REFERRING GDR TO FRG AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS THE PASSPORT IS APPLIED FOR. (IN PRACTICAL TERMS, HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE FRG AUTHORITIES IN THE US MAY BE GRATEFUL IF GDR IS NOT INFORMED ABOUT THEIR ROLE UNTIL AFTER EISMANN DEPARTS, ALTHOUGH THIS WILL DOUBTLESS INCREASE GDR ANNOYANCE.)

5. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO REVISE PRESS GUIDANCE TO REFLECT FRG WISHES, WE SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT A DIPLOMAT AT THE GDR EMBASSY HAS DEFECTED?

A. I SUGGEST YOU ASK THE GDR EMBASSY ABOUT THAT.

Q. HAS SUCH A GDR OFFICIAL APPLIED FOR ASYLUM?

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A. IT IS OUR POLICY NOT TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE EXISTENCE OF INDIVIDUAL ASYLUM REQUESTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE APPLICANTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE ASYLUM PROCESS. (NOTE: THIS LANGUAGE IS DERIVED FROM THAT USED IN CASE OF GDR SWIMMER JENS-PETER BERNDT, WHO DEFECTED TO THE U.S. IN 1985 -- SEE 85 STATE 10171.)

Q. HAS THE GDR EMBASSY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE MATTER?

A. YES. I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE CASE.

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